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LAST RITES . . . An honor guard from the Torrance Police Department stands at attention before the flag-draped casket of Officer Gary Rippstein, who died Dec. 22 of a gunshot wound. The graveside rites, held Friday

at Green Hills Memorial Park, followed a funeral service at the Torrance Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Officer Rippstein is the third Torrance police officer to be killed in the line of duty.

Fall Date Eyed For School Vote

Ballot To List Bonds

A school bond election is in the offing for next fall as a result of a meeting of a steering committee of Torrance citizens appointed to study school building needs.

Members of the School Improvement Bond Committee, appointed by Superintendent J. H. Hull, at the request of local citizens met at the Board of Education offices Monday to begin ground floor planning.

Named to serve on the steering committee, which will expand as election time approaches, were: Mrs. Gene Voorhees; Neil Casey of the Chamber of Commerce education committee; Mrs. Perry Baker of the Torrance League of Women Voters; Mrs. H. S. Rogers, president of Torrance Council, PTA; Milt Isbell of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors; Councilman Dr. Donald Wilson; and Mrs. June Baggett of the California School Employees Association.

OTHERS include: Robert Dutton of Local 1101, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees; Robert Richardson of Garrett AirResearch; Edwin Brown of the Torrance Elementary Principals Association; Dr. John Lucas, principal of South High School; and Frank Putman, Mrs. Leabelle Wolfert and Richard Rodgers of the Torrance Education Association.

Final decision on an exact date of the election will be decided by the Board of Education.

Committee members asked Dr. Wilson to serve as temporary chairman and Mrs. Baggett to serve as temporary secretary.

PURPOSE of the election will be to provide funds for projects not funded by the last election. Committee members will study district building needs in depth before recommending a bond figure to the board.

According to Dr. Hull, building needs fall into two categories; those required to house growing student populations at the high schools and those

Visitors Banned by Hospitals

Visitors have been banned in three major Torrance hospitals for the duration of the Hong Kong flu epidemic.

In a joint statement issued this week, officials of Torrance Memorial, Riviera Community, and Little Company of Mary hospitals said visitors would not be permitted in any of the hospitals "for the duration of the flu epidemic."

Only in the case of a "real emergency" will an exception be made, hospital spokesman said.



TESTING . . . Members of the Torrance Area Youth Band, who were on the city's entry in this morning's Tournament of Roses Parade, test new portable amplifiers which they used for the first time. The amplifiers, carried by each musician, make the Torrance Area Youth Band the first "amplified" marching band in the nation. Demonstrating the units, which provide electronic amplification for each individual instrument, are (from left) Al Davis of West High, Craig Pridmore of South High and Jim Stanley of West High. Checking out the "big band sound" is Max Pridmore, president of the Youth Band. (Press-Herald Photo)

Unveiled in Parade

Amplifiers Give Youth Band Bold New Sound

The Torrance Area Youth Band has a bold new sound.

The new sound was unveiled this morning at the Tournament of Roses Parade by 10 members of the Youth Band — each sporting a new electronic amplifier on their backs.

The portable amplifiers, developed by Audiodyne Corporation of Northridge, project sound in a 360-degree circle.

They are powered by batteries and connected to individual instruments in the band.

THE TORRANCE Area Youth Band is the first such group in the world to use the new amplifiers, according to Paul E. Richards, vice president of Audiodyne, Inc.

Impetus for acquiring the new amplifiers was provided when

members of the Youth Band were invited to ride on the city's Rose Parade entry, explains Max Pridmore, president of the Youth Band.

The group was faced with the problem of producing the sound of a 40-member concert band with only 10 members. A second problem created by space limitations on the float, was that the musicians had to perform while standing in a circle facing outward — meaning that the sound from all instruments could not be projected in the same direction.

THE RESULT, Pridmore said, was that spectators would hear only the instruments pointed at them — not the full band.

To solve the problem, Norman Bailey, a Torrance resident, assistant director of the Youth Band, and a member of the Lawrence Welk Orchestra, contacted a friend, Bill Page who had been working with the Northridge firm to develop the amplifier.

The portable device not only amplifies the sound, but projects it in 360 degrees — giving the 10-member band on the float the sound of a full concert band.

Riding on the city's entry, "A Day in the Park," with the band members were Sharon Terrill, Miss California; Darcy Jo Barcroft, Miss Torrance; and Elita Cumford, Torrance princess.



STARS AND STRIPES . . . A member of the Torrance Police Department presents the American flag to Marsha Rippstein, widow of Officer Gary Rippstein, at graveside ceremonies. The flag had draped Rippstein's casket, as he was a veteran and a member of National Guard. Seated at right are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene V. Rippstein. Officer Rippstein leaves three children, Gary Kirt, 4; Terri Lynn, 2; Kristy Lee, 1. (Press-Herald Photos by Hal Fisher)

Anderson Appoints New Aide

Congressman-elect Glenn M. Anderson (D-17th District) today announced the appointment of Harry R. Anderson as his administrative assistant.

Anderson, currently serving in Washington, D.C., as assistant secretary of the interior, was appointed to that position in July 1965, by President Lyndon Johnson. He is responsible for the Bureaus of Public Land Management, Indian Affairs, Outdoor Recreation, and the office of the Territories.

A native Californian, the new administrative aide is not related to Congressman-elect Anderson. The two have known each other for many years.

"I feel very fortunate in securing an associate whose distinguished record of government service commands nationwide respect," the Congressman-elect said. "Harry Anderson's capabilities and great personal integrity have earned the trust and warm regard of a host of friends."

The new aide will assume his duties in Congressman Anderson's office upon the termination of his duties in the Interior Department Jan. 20.

Schneider, Such Attend Institute

Two Torrance men have graduated from University of Southern California's Delinquency Control Institute where they received post-graduate level training in the latest methods of handling juvenile offenders.

They are Juvenile Investigator Ray Schneider and Sergeant Robert D. Such of the Torrance Police Department.

Juvenile Investigator Schneider has seven-and-one-half years of police experience including one year in juvenile work. He is a qualified expert on narcotics and dangerous drugs. He is a member of the International Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association, Southern California Juvenile Officers Association;

California State Juvenile Officers Association.

Schneider attended Los Angeles County Sheriff's Academy, the Federal Bureau of Narcotics Academy and is presently enrolled in police science studies at El Camino College. He is past representative police advisor, Torrance YMCA; Torrance Youth Council and police advisor to the Welfare Commission.

Sergeant Such has been in his present position one year and five years as an investigator in partment 12 years, including three in detective division, five years on patrol and two years in traffic. He attended Torrance High School and Harbor and El Camino Junior Colleges. He is a sponsor of the Torrance Young Teens Group.